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AND METHOD OF USING SAME

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2002, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified patent application.

Remarks

Claims 1-34 remain pending in the application. Claims 26-34 have been withdrawn from consideration. Applicant hereby affirms the election of claims 1-25.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bries et al. (6,001,471) in view of Luhmann (5,626,931).

Independent claim 1 is directed to an adhesive article including a stretch releasing adhesive strip having a first adhesive region, a second adhesive region with reduced adhesive properties, and a pull tab adjacent the second adhesive region.